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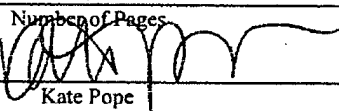
In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	4354-110
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Applicants: CABANA, Bernard E., et al.)	Conf. No.:	4322
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Application No.: 10/668,792)	Art Unit:	1614
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Title: RIFALAZIL COMPOSITIONS AND THERAPEUTIC REGIMENS)	Customer No.:	23448
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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Sir:

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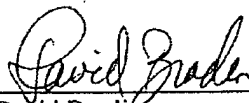
11, 2010, noting that the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed in the above-identified application on December 31, 2009 was improper because it was not accompanied by a submission.

The Notice further indicates that the time period set forth for response to the Final Office Action continues to run from the mailing date of that action. The November 16, 2009 Final Office Action set a period of three months for response until February 16, 2010; therefore, this response is timely filed and no extension of time is required.

In response to the January 11, 2010 Notice, enclosed and submitted herewith is a corrective Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30), along with payment of the \$405.00 fee (small entity) specified in 37 CFR 1.17(e) for such Request is authorized in the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

If any issues remain outstanding, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,



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